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Construction of a causeway across Vellar near T.V. Puthur on Vriddhachalam-Jayankondan road.

* 1165 Q.—SRI S. SWAMIKANNU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been received from the public for the construction of a causeway across the Vellar near T.V. Puthur on Vriddhachalam-Jayankondan road; and

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a causeway at that place?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—“(a) Yes.

“(b) Yes.”

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—“May I know whether the Minister will be pleased to state whether it is the intention of the Government to execute the work with Central Government aid and if so, whether they have recommended the scheme for inclusion in the works to be executed from the Central Road Fund?”

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—“Yes, we have recommended like that.”

Number of Harijan cherries in the Coimbatore district having no roads connecting them with main roads.

* 1166 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state how many Harijan cherries in the Coimbatore district have no roads connecting them with main roads?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—“78 Cheris.”

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—“சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, சேரிகளுக்கு என்று ரோடுகள் போடவேண்டிய திட்டத்தை இரண்டாவது ஐந்தாண்டு அபிவிருத்தி திட்டத்தில் சேர்க்க கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் முயற்சி எடுப்பாரா?”

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—“A separate question may be put.”

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Leprosy clinics in Tiruvallur taluk.

139 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of leprosy clinics opened in Tiruvallur taluk;

(b) the average number of patients treated for a month in each clinic; and

(c) the amount spent for each clinic during the year 1953-54?

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A.—(a) There are five leprosy clinics in existence in Tiruvallur taluk for many years including the one at Poondi, which was opened in 1952.

(b) The average number of patients treated for a month is as follows :—

Government Hospital, Tiruvallur	...	236
Government Dispensary, Poondi	...	Nil
Local Fund Dispensary, Vengal	...	6
Rural Dispensary, Kilacheri	...	Nil
Madras Medical College Mobile Team at Pakkam.		208

(c) The amount spent for each clinic during the year 1953-54 is as follows :—

	RS.
Government Hospital, Tiruvallur	... 598
Government Dispensary, Poondi	... Nil
Local Fund Dispensary, Vengal	... 40
Rural Dispensary, Kilacheri	... Nil
Madras Medical College Mobile Team at Pakkam	... 750

Number of Harijan officers in North Arcot district.

140 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Gazetted and Non-gazetted officers in North Arcot district;

(b) how many of them are Harijans; and

(c) how many clerks under emergency provisions are serving in the several departments in North Arcot district and how many of them are Harijans?

A.—(a) The number of Gazetted and Non-gazetted officers in the North Arcot district is 82 and 4,897 respectively.

(b) The number of Harijan Gazetted and Non-gazetted officers among them is 5 and 418, respectively.

(c) The number of clerks serving under emergency provisions in the district is 113 and 7 of them are Harijans.

Admission of Vannar candidates into Teachers' Training Schools in South Arcot.

141 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Vannar candidates who sought admission in the various Teachers' Training Schools in South Arcot during 1953-1954; and

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(b) how many of them were admitted?

A.—(a) 12.

(b) 3.

Use of molasses for illegal distillation.

142 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the output of molasses from the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, at Nellikuppam, South Arcot, during the years 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953;

(b) the total sales of molasses by the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, to merchants and others during the years 1950 to 1953;

(c) the cost of molasses per ton; and

(d) whether the Government have investigated whether or not these molasses were used for illegal distillation of liquors contrary to the Madras Prohibition Act?

A.—(a) The quantity of molasses produced by the Nellikuppam sugar factory was as follows:—

Year.	Quantity produced.
	TONS.
1950-51	12,933
1951-52	14,094
1952-53	13,861

(b) The following quantities of molasses were sold by the sugar factory:—

Year.	Quantity sold.
	TONS.
1950-51	2,600
1951-52	4,962
1952-53	3,015

(c) Molasses were sold at rates ranging from Rs. 20 to Rs. 70 per ton.

(d) The Government are aware of the misuse of molasses and a proposal to amend the Madras Prohibition Act to acquire the necessary powers to control such misuse is under the consideration of the Government.

Famine relief works in South Arcot.

143 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent on famine relief works in the South Arcot district for the years 1952 and 1953;

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- (b) the amount granted as loans for the purchase of bulls; and
- (c) the number of famine relief works executed through contractors and by departments directly?

A.—(a) No famine relief works were sanctioned for the South Arcot district. But deepening of drinking-water wells was taken up as a relief measure wherever there was scarcity of drinking water-supply. The amount spent on this work was Rs. 26,344 in 1952 and Rs. 22,616 in 1953.

(b) The amount granted as loans for the purchase of bulls was Rs. 3,24,200 in 1952 and Rs. 2,45,110 in 1953.

(c) The number of works executed through contractors was 98 in 1952 and 64 in 1953. No works were executed departmentally.

Punishment of Gazetted officers for corruption.

144 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many Gazetted officers in the State were suspended on charges of corruption in the year 1952; and

(b) how many of them were removed and how many were reinstated?

A.—(a) Six.

(b) Two have been dismissed and one has been compulsorily retired. The case against one other officer has been transferred to the Andhra State while the cases against the remaining two are still pending.

None has been reinstated.

Expenditure on Adult Education in 1952.

145 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount of money allotted and spent for Adult Education in 1952?

A.—A sum of Rs. 7,25,000 was provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 1952-53 under the head "Adult Education classes and Night Schools". The amount spent was Rs. 8,03,539.

Representation from the employees of Auditors and Lawyers for exemption from the operation of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947.

146 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the establishments that have been exempted from the operation of the provisions of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947; and

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(b) whether the Government have received any representations to bring the employees of Auditors and Lawyers who are practising as a firm within the scope of this Act?

A.—(a) A list ^a of shops and establishments that have been exempted from the operation of all or some of the provisions of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947, is appended.

(b) No.

Number of deaths due to consumption of illicit liquor in South Arcot.

147 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of deaths recorded in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district, in the year 1952, due to drinking illicit liquor?

A.—There was no death due to consumption of illicit liquor in Cuddalore taluk in 1952.

Implementation of the recommendations of the Bore Committee regarding the medical administration.

148 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken up to date in this State by the Government to implement the recommendations of the Bore Committee regarding medical administration?

A.—A statement ^b is placed on the table of the House.

Attendance in the elementary schools after and before the introduction of the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education.

149 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total number of children attending elementary schools on 1st January 1954 after the introduction of the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education as compared to the previous year in each district with separate figures for boys and girls?

A.—A statement ^c showing the total number of children attending elementary schools on 1st January 1954, after the introduction of the Modified Scheme and the number of children who attended the schools on 31st March 1953, prior to the introduction of the Scheme, is placed on the table of the House.

^a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 211–219 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix V on pages 219–220 infra.

^c Printed as Appendix VI on page 220 infra.

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Collection of fines for prohibition offences.

150 Q.—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Prohibition cases filed in each district in the State during the year 1953,

(b) the amount of fines collected in that year in each district in respect of the said Prohibition cases; and

(c) the number of persons sentenced to imprisonment in that year in each district for the same?

A.—(a) to (c) A statement * giving the particulars is appended.

Hiring of tractors and bull-dozers in South Kanara district.

151 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many tractors and bull-dozers are available for hire in South Kanara district;

(b) how many persons have made use of them in 1952 and 1953;

(c) the extent of lands brought under cultivation with the use of these machines;

(d) the amount realized by the Government towards hire; and

(e) the maintenance charges incurred by the Government?

	1952.	1953.
A.—(a) Tractors	1	1
Bull-dozers	7	9
	8	10

(b) 1952—121.

1953—121.

(c) 1952—336.27 acres.

1953—286.08 „

(d) 1952—Rs. 63,988-10-0.

1953—Rs. 69,154-5-0.

(e) 1952—Rs. 60,174-8-9.

1953—Rs. 66,435-3-1.

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Pumpsets and oil-engines in the State.

152 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of pumpsets and oil-engines given to ryots in the year 1952;

(b) the amount of hire charges collected from the ryots;

(c) the number of pumpsets and oil-engines damaged and rendered unfit for further use and the amount recovered from the parties towards the cost of such oil-engines and pumpsets; and

(d) the number of cases of recovery pending?

A.—(a) 360 oil-engines and 48 petrol pumpsets.

(b) Rs. 2,20,879-10-0.

(c) Nil.

(d) 68.

Number of deaths due to dysentery and typhoid in Malabar.

153 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of deaths registered in Malabar in the years 1952 and 1953 owing to dysentery and typhoid;

(b) how many small children were among those who died; and

(c) what medical aid the Government gave to the patients to save their lives?

A.—(a) The number of deaths on account of dysentery and diarrhoea, registered in the Malabar district in 1952 and 1953 was as follows:—

1952—2,458.

1953—6,323.

Deaths due to typhoid are not recorded separately as they come under heading “ other fevers ”. The number of deaths in the hospitals in Malabar under the above head in 1952 and 1953, was as follows:—

1952—140.

1953—172.

(b) Separate figures showing deaths among children due to dysentery and diarrhoea are not available. The number of deaths in the hospital of children due to typhoid in 1952 and 1953 was 17 and 18 respectively.

(c) The usual treatment including anti-biotics and sulpha drugs was given. Cases of mal-nutrition and vitamin deficiency were treated with milk, multivitamin tablets, sulphaguanidine, liver extract, shark liver oil, etc. Anti-typhoid inoculations were also carried out.

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Purchase of sugarcane by the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Nellikuppam.

154 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of lands under sugarcane, rice, groundnuts and plantains, etc., in South Arcot district; and

(b) the quantity of sugarcane purchased annually by the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Nellikuppam, South Arcot district, and its value?

A.—(a)

(1362 fasli.)

Normal area as per season and crop report.

		TACS.	ACS.
Sugarcane	..	20,323	24,440
Rice	..	492,451	537,250
Groundnut	..	371,096	401,290
Plantains	..	1,459	1,750

(b)

		Quantity. TONS.	Value. RS.
1948-49	..	218,395	1,03,01,030
1949-50	..	264,412	1,25,72,945
1950-51	..	312,235	1,46,44,035
1951-52	..	308,509	1,46,27,687
1952-53	..	292,079	1,19,15,928

Transfer of officers from the Andhra State to Madras State after separation.

155 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the names of gazetted officers who belong to the Residuary State and who had been transferred to the Residuary State from the Andhra State after the separation of the Andhra State?

A.—There has been no such case so far. But notices under section 63 (5) of the Andhra State Act, 1953, have been received in respect of eight officers and they will be reverted to this State after the expiry of the three months' notice period.

Grant of loans for the installation of oil engines and pumpsets in North Arcot in 1952.

156 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications were received requiring loans for the installation of oil engines and pumpsets to grow more food crops in North Arcot district in 1952;

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- (b) how many applications were considered;
- (c) the total amount of loan granted; and
- (d) how much has been recovered so far?

A.—(a) One hundred and ninety-seven applications were received in the North Arcot district in 1952.

(b) Fifteen.

(c) Rupees 33,400.

(d) The collection of loan instalments was postponed during fasli 1362. Figures for fasli 1363 are not readily available.

Opening of schools in villages.

157 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state how many villages with a population of 2,000 to 1,000, 1,000 to 500, 500 to 200 and less than 200 in 1953 were provided with schools belonging to Government, district boards, panchayat boards, municipalities and private managements and how many villages were not provided with schools in Coimbatore district?

A.—A statement is given below :—

Number of villages in Coimbatore district provided with schools.

Number of villages with a population of	Number of villages provided with schools. *	Number of villages not provided with schools.
Above 2,000	382	27
1,000—2,000	307	27
500—1,000	310	146
200—500	55	205
Less than 200	13	159

* Details of schools under each management not readily available.

Payment of sales tax by the export and import traders in Malabar and South Kanara.

158 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount of sales tax paid by the export and import traders in Malabar and South Kanara districts during the years 1950–51, 1951–52, 1952–53 and 1953–54?

A.—The information is furnished below :—

		Malabar.			South Kanara.
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.
1950–51	..	17,38,073	4	1	7,82,000
1951–52	..	20,22,262	1	4	4,02,000
1952–53	..	12,23,249	9	2	3,01,000
1953–54	..	5,02,281	10	0	2,26,000

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Clearance of silt in the tanks in Vriddhachalam taluk.

159 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list showing the names of tanks or lakes in Vriddhachalam taluk proposed to be taken up by the Government for the excavation of mud from them in the current year 1954–55 to provide more water for irrigational facilities?

A.—There are no proposals for clearance of slit in any of the tanks or lakes in Vriddhachalam taluk during the year 1954–55. The clearing of the accumulated silt of the past many years in tanks would be prohibitively costly and not commensurate with the benefit that might accrue. Wherever the capacity of a tank has diminished materially, the Public Works Department consider the question of raising the height of its bund, consistent with the safety of the tank, to restore lost capacity, and the earth necessary for such work will be removed from the bed of the tank.

Removal of untouchability.

160 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state what are the ways through which the Government spend the money that is set apart for the eradication of untouchability?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (d) of starred question No. 1031 by Sri A. Ratnam, M.L.A., given on 19th May 1954.

Number of murder cases registered in Perambalur taluk.

161 Q.—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of murder cases registered in Perambalur taluk from 1948 to 1953; and

(b) the number of cases in which the accused were acquitted?

A.—(a) & (b) The statement below shows the number of murder cases registered in the Perambalur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, during the six years from 1948 to 1953 and the number of those cases in which the accused were acquitted :—

Year.	Total number of murder cases registered in Perambalur taluk.	Number of murder cases in which accused were acquitted.
1948	4	2
1949	6	2
1950	3	2
1951	4	2
1952	11	1
1953	6	2

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Reserve forest in Vriddhachalam taluk.

162 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) the area of reserve forest in Vriddhachalam taluk; and
- (b) how many acres of land in the reserve forest in the above taluk are fit for cultivation?

A.—(a) The area of reserve forest in Vriddhachalam taluk is 24,207 acres.

(b) The area fit for cultivation is 14,350 acres.

Number of murder cases reported in Malabar.

163 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of murder cases reported in Malabar in 1953–54;
- (b) the number of such cases investigated;
- (c) the number of cases charge-sheeted; and
- (d) the number of cases which ended in conviction, with the nature of the conviction?

A.—(a) to (d) The statement below gives the particulars asked for :—

Murder cases in Malabar during 1953–54.

Number of cases reported.	Number of cases investigated.	Number of cases charge-sheeted.	Number of cases which ended in conviction.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
65	65	53	21*

* *Nature of conviction.*—The sentences awarded were as follows :—

(a) Death sentences in	5 cases.
(b) Transportation for life in	13 "
(c) Rigorous imprisonment for seven years in	2 "
(d) Rigorous imprisonment for three years in	1 case.
Total	21 cases.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE*

(1) ARREST AND TORTURE OF RAILWAY WORKERS NEAR POLLACHI.

MR. SPEAKER :—“ Hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundram has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads as follows :—

“ This House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz.—

“ the action of the Police in indiscriminately arresting a number of Railway workers in and around Pollachi and in subjecting some of them to inhuman torture and keeping them in Police custody for over a week. ”